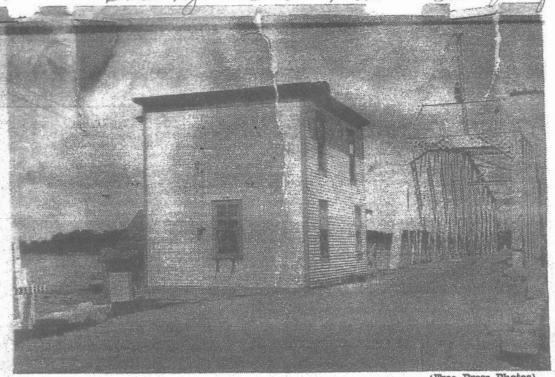
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## THEY LIVE ON A BRIDGE AND LIKE IT

In the above State owned house live Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chamberlain, tenders of the Grand Isle-North Hero bridge. It is their duty to open and close the bridge for water and land traffic which they are shown doing below with the large crank used for that purpose.

(Special to the Free Press) GRAND ISLE, July 12 .-Living on a bridge is like-living on a paradise island to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chamberlin, tenders of the Grand Isle-North Hero bridge. "We just love it," she declares with enthusiasm; "there's something doing all the time!"

For the third summer, Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin are living in the four-room bridge house belonging to the State, opening and closing the bridge to permit water and land traffic and keeping record of passing boats. While Mrs. Chamberlin is not employed by the State highway department, she assists her husband in all his duties; helping him swing the bridge open and shut by hand-power and keeping accurate record of water traffic. This is Mr. Chamberlin's 21st year as a State employe. During the winter months he works on the road patrol helping to keep Grand Isle county roads in good condition. Likes Traffic

"The traffic over the bridge doesn't bother me a bit," Mrs. Chamberlin said, "I like to watch the people go by and many of them stop to ask directions. I also get acquainted with the many men and women who fish



them stop to ask directions. also get acquainted with the many men and women who fish

off the bridge. On good Sundays also keep a first aid kit handy beway. It's very exciting and we meet such interesting people!"

Day And Night

Mr. Chamberlin is on call day and night to open the bridge for loats not able to clear. The bridge swings open horizontally when a long iron crank is inserted into a shaft, which comes up through the bridge floor, and is turned by walking round and round in a cir-STEETER ME CHIEFET lin explaned the state is so strong it is impossible for one that to turn the bridge against it. On such occasions, however, at closes very easily because the wind is with you. My wife comes out and holps me turn the crank practically all the time because she thinks it's more than a too man ink. Himered if one nears a possihorn and I've gone to the soore for a few minuses shell rush our and mart burning the many herself. Treatly though, there are outer figuration actuard tion are S. WEYS GOOD NO DECK.

"Going to the store is what the

Trip To Store

there are as many as 200 people farthest I get from the bridge on Mar fishing for bass, pike, pickerel and during the summer because I'm on the perch. I don't care anything call all the time. If I should be about fishing, myself, but once in a while I throw a line in just so want to get off for any length tanks. we can have fish for breakfast, of time, I have to get a substi-We keep a large fish net handy tute, but it's very selected that I book and when somebody hooks onto do that. It's premy hard for the hard har a big fish that they can't land, to get used to being tied down Man either my husband or I rush out because when I'm on the road I'm ! with the net and save the day, patrol I'm on the move practical-or rather we save the fish. We ly all the time."

cause somebody is always getting the time that navigation is pasa hook in his finger or getting sible in Lake Champlain. The cut or scratched up some other year the tender took over his too page